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**KERRVILLE DOCTOR ARRESTED AND CHARGED
WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a criminal complaint was filed this morning against Kerrville physician David Winkler charging him with possession of child pornography.

Agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested Winkler, age 35, yesterday afternoon at his office following the execution of a search warrant. According to the criminal complaint, a preliminary forensic review of Winkler's computer led to the discovery of eight videos and over 200 images of child pornography.

Winkler had his initial appearance this morning before United States Magistrate Judge Pamela Mathy. Judge Mathy set bond for Winkler at \$50,000 unsecured. No other court dates have been scheduled.

Upon conviction of this charge, Winkler faces up to ten years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Moore.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

A criminal complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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